



WONDERLAND

KIRSTY MITCHELL

Discovering the Magic of Kirsty Mitchell and The Wonderland Series

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Kirsty Mitchell is an English artist who has captured the attention of the world with her stunning body of work known as The Wonderland Series. Born in 1976 and raised in the county of Kent, Mitchell was inspired by her mother, an English teacher, to cultivate her imagination and a love for beauty at a young age. Growing up, art became her sole passion and she pursued it with a degree in fashion design from the London College of Fashion and internships at Alexander McQueen and Hussein Chalayan design studios. Mitchell worked as a senior fashion designer for an international label until 2007 when a personal illness led her to pick up a camera.

The Wonderland Series is a deeply personal project that took Mitchell over five years to create in memory of her mother and as a way of coping with her loss. The series features over seventy-four pieces, all created and designed by Mitchell herself, including costumes, props, sets, and accessories. The photographs in The Wonderland Series evoke the memories of her mother's stories and the belief in wonder that has always been a part of Mitchell's life.

The Wonderland Series has received worldwide recognition and has been featured in prestigious publications such as Harper's Bazaar, Vogue Italia, The Guardian, The Telegraph, and BBC news, among others. The series has also achieved viral status online, and the first edition

of the accompanying book became the most successful photography book in the history of the crowdfunding website Kickstarter, closing at a record-breaking £334k. In 2016, a revised second edition of the book was released, along with a Limited Edition box set that was awarded an honorable mention in the Professional Fine Art Book category at the International Photography Awards.



One of the most striking aspects of The Wonderland Series is the elaborate and imaginative settings that Mitchell creates for each photograph. From snow-covered landscapes dotted with flowers to towering trees and elaborate costumes, each scene transports the viewer to a fantastical world. Mitchell's attention to detail is evident in every aspect of the photographs, from the intricate costumes and props to the lighting and composition of each shot. The result is a series of images that are breathtaking in their beauty and originality.



She'll Wait For You in the Shadows of Summer ► © Kirsty Mitchell



Let your Heart be the Map ► © Kirsty Mitchell



The Last Door of Autumn ► © Kirsty Mitchell

Mitchell's background in fashion design is also evident in The Wonderland Series, with each costume and accessory carefully crafted to complement the overall concept of each photograph. The costumes and accessories are integral parts of the scenes, adding an extra layer of storytelling to each image. Mitchell's artistic vision is evident in every aspect of The Wonderland Series, making it a truly unique and captivating body of work. In addition to the stunning photographs, the book accompanying The Wonderland Series includes a personal journal kept by Mitchell throughout the creation of the project. The journal provides insight into the development of the works and the emotions that Mitchell experienced behind the lens. This added dimension makes The Wonderland Series not only a visually stunning body of work but a deeply personal and intimate project as well.



The Queen's Centurion ► © Kirsty Mitchell

The impact of The Wonderland Series has been far-reaching, inspiring countless photographers, artists, and creatives with its imaginative and captivating imagery. Mitchell's work has been the subject of numerous exhibitions and has been widely praised for its originality, beauty, and emotional depth. The series has also had a profound impact on those who have lost loved ones, providing a reminder that even in the darkest moments, it is possible to find beauty and solace in art and imagination.

In an age where digital technology has revolutionized the art of photography, Mitchell's use of traditional techniques and hand-made costumes is a refreshing departure from the norm. Her ability to merge the old and new, traditional and modern, has resulted in a truly unique body of work that will continue to inspire and captivate audiences for years to come.

The Wonderland series is a journey into a world of imagination, where anything is possible, and dreams can come to life. Mitchell's work is a celebration of life, death, and the beauty of the world around us. It is a visual feast for the eyes and a reminder to never stop exploring, never stop creating, and never stop dreaming.



The Journey Home ► © Kirsty Mitchell



The Pure Blood of a Blossom ► © Kirsty Mitchell



The Last Dance of the Flowers ► © Kirsty Mitchell

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